

Proposed Changes to draft recommendations from G. Forrester

Existing Activities: Areas already disturbed or approved for development within the Cedar Creek anticline core area prior to July 1, 2013 are not subject to new sage-grouse stipulations with the exception of existing operations may not initiate activities resulting in new surface occupancy within 0.6 mile of the perimeter of a sage-grouse lek. Examples of existing activities include oil and gas development and production, mining, agriculture, processing facilities, and housing. Provided these activities are within a defined project boundary (such as a recognized federal oil and gas unit, drilling and spacing unit, mine plan, subdivision plat, etc.), they should be allowed to continue within the existing boundary, even if the use exceeds recommended stipulations.

Exceptions: Any exceptions to these general or specific stipulations will be considered on a case by case basis and must show that the exception will not cause declines in sage-grouse populations.